

REMARKS**I. General**

- Claims 12-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,024,680 to Howard (hereinafter "Howard");
- Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 20-29, 31, and 35-37 are allowed;
- Claims 32 and 33 are objected to.

Claims 12-19, 32, and 33 are canceled. Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 20-29, 31, and 35-37 are pending in this application. In view of the remarks below, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

II. Remarks


For the sake advancing prosecution of the pending claims, Applicant cancels claims 12-19, 32, and 33 herein. Applicant does not concede the merits of the rejection of record and does not dedicate claims 12-19, 32, and 33 as originally drafted, to the public. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application containing claims 12-19, 32, and 33 as originally drafted. For the reasons set forth above, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of record.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 68144/P001US/10500783 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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